

LANE PLATING WORKS SUPERFUND SITE DALLAS, TX

BACKGROUND:

- The Lane Plating Works, Inc. site is a former electroplating facility located at 5322 Bonnie View Road, approximately five miles south of downtown Dallas, in Dallas County, Texas. The site is a former electroplating facility that primarily conducted hard chromium and cadmium plating for more than 90 years. Due to violations, investigations, and a bankruptcy filing the facility shut down. Investigations by the EPA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) found on-site soils and shallow ground water contaminated with plating wastes. The EPA added the site to the Superfund National Priorities List in May 2018.
- A removal action was conducted in November of 2016 to address hazardous materials left at the site. This resulted in 188,000 lbs of waste material being removed from the Site and disposed of.
- Phase one of the Remedial investigation started in October of 2018. Samples will be collected starting the week of May 13, 2019.

KEY POINTS:

- Field work is ongoing at the site. Sampling begins the week of May 13, 2019.
- EPA is working on a contract to upgrade fencing around the site to prevent potential exposure to onsite soil.
- EPA is coordinating with Dallas city council members to establish a community advisory group and to address community concerns about the site.
- The site is the focus of attention from environmental groups, local politicians and the media. Interest in the site from community leaders is high.
- Region 6 is working with EPA headquarters using Conflict Prevention funding for assistance with the community involvement plan and community meeting moderation.
- Congressional Interest: Staff from Committee Member Eddie Bernice Johnson regularly attends site meetings.

TALKING POINTS:

- EPA conducted a public meeting in November of 2018 and attended multiple community meetings hosted by Dallas city council members. EPA responded to questions from the community and posted written responses on the site webpage to address concerns about the site.
- Fieldwork is currently occurring at the site. Results from sample collection and other site documents are planned to be posted on the site webpage when final. EPA intends to hold a community meeting as soon as the sample results are available.
- Current data shows potentially harmful levels of metals in onsite soil. Metals were also detected in creeks located near the site. The extent of sediment and surface water contamination in the creeks is unknown. Metals were detected in shallow groundwater near the site. The extent of impact to groundwater is currently unknown. Drinking water is safe and provided to the community by the municipal water supply.